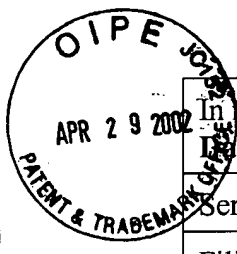


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Consideration of the references and Examination on the Merits is respectfully requested.

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